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SUBJECT: GULF OIL CORPORATION PRESS RELEASE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE THAT GULF OIL CORPORATION INTENDS TO ISSUE THIS FRIDAY, MAY 6, OR WHENEVER THE GULF-ECUADOR BUY-OUT AGREEMENT IS SIGNED:

ECUADOREAN GULF OIL COMPANY RECEIVED TODAY A CASH PAYMENT OF \$82 MILLION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY BOTH PARTIES ON DECEMBER 31, 1976. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE AGREEMENT CALLED FOR GULF TO TRANSFER ITS 37.5 PERCENT INTEREST IN THE CEPE-TEXACO-GULF EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION CONTRACT TO CEPE, THE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY.

THE PAYMENT RECEIVED BY GULF IS A PARTIAL PAYMENT FROM THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS UNAMORTIZED INVESTMENT IN THE PRODUCING AND PIPELINE FACILITIES IN ECUADOR WHICH

TOTALS APPROXIMATELY \$118 MILLION. GULF WILL RECEIVE THE BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$36 MILLION ON COMPLETION OF AN AUDIT TO BE CONDUCTED BY AN INTERNATIONAL AUDITING FIRM.

GULF INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR WERE CARRIED ON AT ALL TIMES IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF

CORDIALITY AND WITH THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION.

2. PLEASE SEND BY IMMEDIATE CABLE SLUGGED FOR ARA/AND/E ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES THAT YOU THINK GULF SHOULD MAKE IN THE PRESS RELEASE. WE NEED YOUR REPLY BY 9:00 AM MAY 5 IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF GETTING GULF TO MAKE CHANGES.

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